

Kennedy - 187 P.C.

OCCURRED

6-5-68

LOCATION OF OCCURRENCE

Ambassador Hotel

DIVISION OF OCCURRENCE

Rampart Division

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Lt. D.W. Mann, O-I-C, Criminalistics Section, S.I.D.

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7-8-68

The weapon used in this case was an Iver Johnson, Cadet Model, .22 caliber, 8 shot revolver (2½" barrel). This weapon had eight expended shell casings in the cylinder at the time of recovery from the suspect. A trajectory study was made of the physical evidence which indicated that eight shots were fired as follows:

- #1 - Bullet entered Senator Kennedy's head behind the right ear and was later recovered from the victim's head and booked as evidence.
- #2 - Bullet passed through the right shoulder pad of Senator Kennedy's suit coat (never entered his body) and traveled upward striking victim Schrade in the center of his forehead. The bullet was recovered from his head and booked as evidence.
- #3 - Bullet entered Senator Kennedy's right rear shoulder approximately seven inches below the top of the shoulder. This bullet was recovered by the Coroner from the 6th cervical vertebrae and booked as evidence.
- #4 - Bullet entered Senator Kennedy's right rear back approximately one inch to the right of bullet #3. This bullet traveled upward and forward and exited the victim's body in the right front chest. The bullet passed through the ceiling tile, striking the second plastered ceiling and was lost somewhere in the ceiling interspace.
- #5 - Bullet struck victim Goldstein in the left rear buttock. This bullet was recovered from the victim and booked as evidence.
- #6 - Bullet passed through victim Goldstein's left pants leg (never entering his body) and struck the cement floor and entered victim Stroll's left leg. The bullet was later recovered and booked as evidence.
- #7 - Bullet struck victim Weisel in the left abdomen and was recovered and booked.
- #8 - Bullet struck the plaster ceiling and then struck victim Evans in the head. This bullet was recovered from the victim's head and booked as evidence.

A Walker's H-acid test was conducted on Senator Kennedy's suit coat in the area of the entrance wounds. This test indicated that the muzzle of the weapon was held at a distance of between one to six inches from the coat at the time of all firings.

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Powder pattern on Senator Kennedy's ear indicate that the weapon's muzzle was approximately one inch from the ear at the time it was discharged.

The bullet recovered from Senator Kennedy's 6th cervical vertebrae was identified as having been fired from the Iver Johnson revolver recovered from the suspect.

The bullet recovered from Senator Kennedy's head was too badly damaged for comparison purposes.

Sound tests were conducted at the Ambassador Hotel to determine if a weapon fired in the kitchen area could be heard on the east fire escape of the Embassy ball room. Sound level meter reading of approximately 1/2 decibels change indicated that a person would not be able to hear a weapon fired in the kitchen area.

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